

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PARIS 30928 241728Z

73

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 NEA-06 ISO-00 SWF-01 AID-05 CEA-01

CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-01 INR-05 NSAE-00 RSC-01

CIEP-01 SP-02 STR-01 TRSE-00 LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01

OMB-01 FEA-01 AEC-05 DODE-00 FPC-01 H-01 INT-05 L-02

NSC-05 PM-03 OES-03 SS-15 /098 W

----- 026471

R 241718Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5417

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PARIS 30928

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, FR, EEC

SUBJECT: GOF AGREES TO WORK FOR PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN IRAN AND EC

1. BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, CALLED
ECON/COM MIN DECEMBER 24 TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO
PASSAGE IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF OFFICIAL VISIT TO
IRAN OF FRENCH PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC RELATING TO
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PARIS 30928 241728Z

ASSOCIATE STATUS FOR IRAN IN EC. THE PASSAGE, AS

REPORTED BY THE FRENCH PRESS, SAYS THAT FRANCE AND IRAN WILL DEVELOP THEIR COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES AND THAT FRANCE WILL "FULLY" SUPPORT THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT PERMITTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREFERENTIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE EC.

2. BRUNET SAID HE WAS CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THIS PASSAGE BECAUSE HE WAS AWARE THAT WE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS A SHORT TIME AGO AGAINST A PROPOSAL TO PERMIT PREFERENTIAL ACCESS INTO THE EC OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM IRAN. BRUNET SAID THAT THE PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT THE AGREEMENT PERMITTING PREFERENTIAL ACCESS FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AGAINST WHICH WE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS, BUT RATHER AN AGREEMENT TO ACCORD COMPLETE ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS FOR IRAN SIMILAR TO THE STATUS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT THE DECISION TO SUPPORT ASSOCIATE STATUS FOR IRAN WAS A CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY WHICH HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT AFTER VERY DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS IN TEHRAN DURING THE CHIRAC VISIT.

3. ECON/COM MIN SAID THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT ACCORDING ASSOCIATE STATUS TO IRAN WOULD GO BEYOND THE TERMS OF THE CASEY-SOAMES AGREEMENT WHEREBY THE EC AGREED TO LIMIT THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO BE COVERED BY PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS. BRUNET REPLIED THAT THIS HAD NOT OCCURRED TO HIM BEFORE, BUT THAT NOW THAT IT WAS CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION, HE WAS FORCED TO AGREE THAT ACCORDING ASSOCIATE STATUS TO IRAN WOULD PROBABLY, INDEED, BE A VIOLATION OF THE CASEY-SOAMES AGREEMENT. HE ADDED, SPEAKING ENTIRELY PERSONALLY, THAT HE HAD ALWAYS WONDERED WHY AND ON WHAT AUTHORITY SOAMES HAD ENTERED INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT. WHEN DIRECTLY QUESTIONED BY ECON/COM MIN, HE SAID THAT IN SPITE OF THE CASEY-SOAMES AGREEMENT, FRANCE INTENDED TO ADHERE TO ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ASSOCIATE STATUS FOR IRAN. ECON/COM MIN SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THE GOF DECISION WOULD NOT BE WELL RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 PARIS 30928 241728Z

DEPARTMENT THAT THE GRANTING OF ASSOCIATE STATUS TO IRAN WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE CASEY-SOAMES AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT IF WE ARE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO FRANCE AND THE EC ON THIS QUESTION, WE SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY BEFORE POSITIONS HARDEN WITHIN THE GOF.
RUSH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, PETROLEUM, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974PARIS30928
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740374-0396
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741212/aaaaajyx.tel
Line Count: 113
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2002 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOF AGREES TO WORK FOR PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND EC
TAGS: ENRG, FR, IR, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005